


CONNECTIONS

The Newsletter of the Ewing - Covenant Presbyterian Church – May 2021

Our Vision

Ewing-Covenant Presbyterian Church is called to be a church where people seeking hope find the light and love of Christ and, together, joyfully serve the community with abiding love and purpose.

Our Mission

As a church

We find and share the light and love of Christ in prayer, in worship, in fellowship, and in service.

We welcome the rainbow of God's children, and we embrace our differences.

We gather to develop relationships with God, with each other, and with the world.

We are inspired by the Word of God as proclaimed through music, and our love of music strengthens our relationship with the community.

We empower others to embody grace, mercy, justice, and peace, guided by the light and love of Christ.

We purposely demonstrate compassion, understanding, and generosity to others, inspired by the love of Christ.

We open our hearts and our doors to those seeking hope, wholeness, wellness, acceptance, and a place to be seen.

Connecting Thoughts

There are two topics for this month's Connecting Thoughts. The first is that, yes, I will be retiring from my role as your pastor effective August 1st of this year. This is a decision that has been in process for the last two years, and it is clear that this summer is the time. The congregation's new Vision and Mission Statement points to the energy, skills and talents that will be necessary in the pastoral leadership that will guide this congregation forward. I may have some of the talents and skills, but not the energy. We will have these next three months chart a way forward for the congregation, and for us to say a good goodbye. I am looking forward to how the Spirit will be showing me how to use my particular gifts, for particular purpose, for the particular time of retirement.

The second topic is the new Vision Statement and Mission Statement. At its meeting on Tuesday,

April 27th, the Session voted to adopt the proposed Vision and Mission Statement - this statement. It will be the guide for and focus of the ministry of this congregation as it moves forward into beloved community, seeking to be the Kingdom of God here and now. You can read the whole Statement at the top of this newsletter. but I am focusing in on the Vision today. The rest flows from these words:

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The members of the Visioning Team worked to find the words that would define both what is valued most, and what would be most important in the future as this congregation has formed and prepares to move into the future. For Jarred

DeWees, Barbara Brezak, Rick Durham, Joanne Durham, Ralph Sims, and Don Lovett (be sure to thank them for their work over the past 10 or so months) as they listened to this congregation through Visioning Conversations, Café Conversations, and to each other, the important words that arose were hope, light, love, together, and serve. They wove these words together into a statement that will be the measure and the guide for this congregation.

Over the next nine weeks, our worship will seek to experience and explore this vision, and the more specific missional ways this congregation will live, bringing hope to face the despair of our world, shedding light into the darkness, revealing and reveling in the joy of God's grace, and together finding the ways to be present with and for the communities in which we live.

Now, if someone asks you what your church is about? You can answer, "We are all about coming together to share the hope we find in the light and love of Christ, and joyfully serving you. Try it a few times, it will roll off your tongue.

In Christ's service,
Pastor Paul

Friends,

As I write to you this morning, first and foremost in my mind is the news of Pastor Paul's announced retirement. And how each of us takes in this news in our own particular way.

One of you has likened taking in Paul's news to the experience of being on a roller coaster, with all of its ups and downs, unexpected turns, excitement, anxiety and yes, fear. I am guessing that whether or not you enjoy (or dislike) rollercoasters is dependent largely upon temperament. Undoubtedly, how you take in this news of Pastor Paul's retirement is related to your temperament, too.

Yet while we each differ in temperament, there is nonetheless a unifying narrative we all share: God's promises to and for us, expressed uniquely within our lives of faith — lived out in community within our church. *Our church*, with its strong caregiving ministry, welcoming embrace of hospitality, and vital outreach unto our wider community through

partnerships in ministry. *Our church*, which belongs within a newly formed "Central Presbytery" with its gifts of intentional openness and vibrancy; *Our church* which is solidly grounded in the Reformed tradition and thus also committed to the tenet of *Reformed and always reforming* (which succinctly translates the truth of ongoing change.) *Our church* which Pastor Paul has charged to "*step forward into the future God has promised you*" because he knows that we can, and we will!

And one last thing: the one who told me about feeling as if on a roller coaster? Well, you also aptly pointed out that roller coasters come with safety bars---safety bars which are always within everyone's reach, provide a sense of security, and are just what we need to sustain us on the ride. In these next weeks and months of change, never forget to reach out to *our* safety bar: Our God, whose steadfast love, blessing and promise for all his people began with the birth of an unexpected baby to a couple quite advanced in years: Sarah and Abraham. Our God, who loved the world so much that he sent us his only Son. Our God, whose saving plan included the life, ministry, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus and the new life available always to us all. Our God, whose Spirit in our midst means that, knowing all this and being Jesus' disciples, we can't help but be changed; always.

Peace, Pastor Ann

May Worship at Ewing-Covenant Presbyterian Church

Through the month of May, we will continue to worship via ZOOM. Join us at:
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/910100569>
Or by telephone dial 1-929-205-6099, if asked, enter the Webinar ID: 910 100 569

Over the next nine weeks in our worship, we will explore the scriptural, biblical, and missional understanding that are the foundation of the New Vision and Mission Statements of the Ewing Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Sunday, May 2 5th Sunday of Easter

10:00 Worship via ZOOM The Sacrament of Communion (Have your bread and juice ready in your at-home worship.)

Rev. Paul Rhebergen preaching: A Church Where People Seeking Hope Find the Light and Love of Christ

Acts 8:26—40; John 15:1-8

Sunday, May 9 6th Sunday of Easter

10:00 Worship Mother's Day, Blanket Sunday
Rev. Paul Rhebergen preaching: "Together, joyfully
serve the community with abiding love and
purpose."
Acts 10:44-48, John 15:9-17

Sunday, May 16 7th Sunday of Easter

10:00 Worship Rev. Ann Schoonover preaching:
We find and share the light and love of Christ in
prayer, in worship, in fellowship, and in service.
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; John 17:6-19

Sunday, May 23 Day Of Pentecost

10:00 Worship
Wear Red to Celebrate the coming of the Holy
Spirit and the birthday of the Church.
Rev. Paul Rhebergen preaching: We welcome the
rainbow of God's children, and we embrace our
differences.
Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Sunday, May 30 Trinity Sunday

Worship 10:00
Rev. Paul Rhebergen preaching: We gather to
develop relationships with God, with each other,
and with the world.
Acts 17:22-31; John 3:1-17

**Sunday Morning Bible Study - 9:00 AM
Led by Sam Bonner**

<https://zoom.us/j/564813133?pwd=W XV3dk5zYlkvUGJDUUEwZEc2R3REdz09>
By phone, dial 1-646-558-8656 and enter when
asked the meeting ID: 564-813-133

Sunday Afternoon Adult Ed. - 1:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81923102879> By
phone, dial 1-929-205-6099 , Meeting ID: 819 2310
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**Tuesday and Thursday Chat's with Pastor
Ann**

Tuesdays at 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM.
<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81010467123?pwd=U DNqWG5pNot3MFJUE DN5SFcvQnpzd09>
Meeting ID: 810 1046 7123 Password: 271785 By
phone 1- 929- 436-2866 Password: 271785

Thursdays Chat at 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM.

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/960150849?pwd=bTdT YTVV3S1MoR2xmenZSWl c5MnhMUT09>
Meeting ID: 960 150 849 Password: 079496
By phone 1-929-436-2866 Password: 079496

**Grief Group with Pastor Ann Tuesdays at
2:00 PM**

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85946835493?pwd=U 1dBbHV VQlRVNnU1d25OMThrTmlUZzo9> Meeting
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location 1 929 436 Meeting ID: 859 4683 5493
Passcode: 891990

**Wednesday Evening Chat with Pastor Paul
7:00 PM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86079729283>
Meeting ID: 860 7972 9283
By phone 1 929 205 6099 Meeting ID: 860
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Lunch Together...from Home is being held
monthly, every third Thursday at 11:45 AM. Please
mark your calendar to attend **Thursday, March
18th**. Here is the way to participate via zoom, by
video or by phone call in:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/83279089163>

Meeting ID: 832 7908 9163

Or call in by phone by dialing 1 929 436 2866 and
then provide Meeting ID: 832 7908 9163

Presbyterian Women

Tabitha and Ruth Circles meet together the **second
Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm** via
Zoom. We share concerns, have devotions, and just
enjoy some social time with each other. We would
love to have others join us. If you are interested,
contact Jane Kidder, Janice Rockmore or Carol
Hecky for information.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/84680928271>

Meeting ID: 846 8092 8271

Or call in by phone by dialing: 1 929 205 6099
Meeting ID: 846 8092 8271

Return to Church Survey The Return to

Church Committee has been faithfully working to
create a safe worship environment for our
congregation during this pandemic time. As
individuals become vaccinated and the state
guidelines are updated, the committee is beginning
to plan for what the return to in-person worship
might look like. The committee is interested in your
input so that they might guide the Session in our
return to in-person worship and other gatherings.
**You will find this survey on the last page of
this Newsletter.** Please mail in or drop off your
paper copy by May 19th. If you choose to complete

this form on line: Press Ctrl + click below to follow the link.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeIP_pBua3yEJ7BwerBeUqaXbDMf1aHcAHGPOPCi_a3yf9pGQ/viewform?usp=sf_link



ECHO Seniors Celebrate Older Americans Month

Since its beginnings as a Summerfest program in 1971, and subsequent incorporation as Elderly Communication Help and Outreach (E.C.H.O.) in 1973, ECHO Seniors have bonded, building communities of strength at individual churches and in joint activities, celebrating holidays and taking trips, day and extended, throughout the country and yes, around the world.

Every May, the Administration for Community Living leads our nation's observance of Older Americans Month. The theme for 2021 is "Communities of Strength."

Older adults have built resilience and strength over their lives through successes, failures, joys, and difficulties. Their stories and contributions help to support and inspire others. This OAM, we will celebrate the strength of older adults and the Aging Network, with special emphasis on the power of connection and engagement in building strong communities.

There are many things we all can do to nurture ourselves, reinforce our strength, and continue to thrive. Connecting with others is one of the most important—it plays a vital role in our health and well-being, and in that of our communities. From finding joy in small things and sharing our stories, to looking at the big picture and giving to others, join us in promoting the ways we are connected and strong.

ECHO Seniors value the "get-togethers" and are anxious to share stories of how they have survived the Pandemic of 2020, keeping in touch through virtual gatherings and presentations, while staying safe.

Homebound Vaccination Still Available

Vaccines: Homebound Seniors

The city is also continuing its **vaccine campaign for homebound seniors** that are unable to get to a clinic. Please call 609-815-2556 OR email amthomas@trentonnj.org to schedule an in-home vaccine appointment. City medical staff will wait 15 to 30 minutes with each patient after administering the vaccine to monitor for side effects. *Faith in Prevention Partners*

THANK YOU! Thank you to the Care Team for the delivery of soup and muffins and to the Circle members and Deacons for the cards during this difficult time for us. We appreciate everyone's well-wishes. *Ginny & Buzz Dakin*

Don't forget that the Pandemic is still on and people are hungry. Please continue to drop off food items to the Scout Hut!

They are always appreciated!!

DIAPER Challenge continues...

We are so close to our goal of 100 diapers for our contribution to Homefront's *Diaper Challenge*. We have collected 92 packages of diapers and 39 packages of wipes. thank you for your donations! Homefront is very appreciative.

Call for Grads!

If you have someone in your family who is graduating from High School, College, or Grad school, please contact Eileen in the church office so we can officially recognize and share this accomplishment with our church family. Pictures would be a delightful welcome! Look for our grads in the June Connections Newsletter.

LECTURE SERIES:
COVID-19 & MENTAL HEALTH



This 5-week series for older adults will cover topics related to maintaining good mental health while adhering to CDC guidelines and social distancing. Tools and techniques will be discussed with handouts provided to all attendees. Lectures will be recorded.



WEEK 1: APRIL 16
Wellness During COVID-19



WEEK 2: APRIL 23
Common Experiences:
Anxiety & Depression



WEEK 3: APRIL 30
Common Experiences:
Grief & Bereavement



WEEK 4: MAY 7
Coping Skills &
Self-Care Tips



WEEK 5: MAY 14
Staying Connected
with Family & Friends



All lectures start at 12 PM
Register at: go.rutgers.edu/ttpdjcu

The Center for Psychological Services (CPS) of the Rutgers Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology (GSAPP), in collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Human Services' Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Disaster and Terrorism Branch, offers this Crisis Counseling Program through a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA/SAMHSA) grant. This program is brought to you through the New Jersey Hope and Healing Crisis Counseling Program.

- Zachary Stewart**, grandson of Ken and Terri Harvey
Jesse Moss, great-grandmother of Dyschel Harvey.
Burt Milstead
Jim Disler, husband of Shirley Disler
Eleanor Everitt, sister-in-law of Pam Miller
David Dakin, son of Buzz Dakin
Carol Frantz, friend of Harriet Berens
Mari Berens, daughter of Harriet Berens
Wayne Allen, husband of Sylvia Allen
Megan Scarborough
The Burtis family, which grieves the death of **Todd Lewis**, Margie Burtis' grandson. (Family includes his daughter Grayson, son Gavin, parents Lynn and Jim Lewis, brother Scott Lewis, his uncle Art, and aunt Jane Burtis)
John Breckenridge
Dave, husband of Joan Hodak's niece.)
Jarred DeWees & Stacy Robson and their Families
Susan Reisinger, aunt of Jarred DeWees

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- Bonnie and Gary Brandt**
Michael Brezak, son of Barbara Brezak
Louise Burroughs
Steve Carter, friend of Mari Berens
Janet Corbin
Maryann Eleuteri, friend of Judy Carapezza
Rita Freilinghaus, sister of Judy Carapezza
Karen Fuchs, sister of Laura Wallin
Alice Haines
Jewell Hand and Family
Kevin Hecky
Lydia Hill, cousin of Cathy Holland
Joan and Joe Hodak
Cathy Holland
Dan Hough
John Kelso, friend of Ginny Saiia
Charlie Magee, brother of Judy Carapezza
Paul Matyas
Maureen, friend of Barbara Gigliello
Samuel Meservey, grandson of Lois Meservey
Aaron Morgan
Rachel Morgan
Carolyn Parham, daughter of Betty Newberry
brother of Ingrid Pope.
Laura Ryan, niece of Sandra Gwin
Shirley Sandford
Michael Baily Schafer, grandnephew of Mary Hough

We have been cleaning out items in the kitchen and we came across this crock pot and cooler. If either



of these items belong to you, would you please contact Eileen in the Church Office and make arrangements to stop by and pick them up from the kitchen. *Thank you.*



Newly Listed

JoCarolyn Dent-Clark
Margie Burtis

Prayers for the families of **Vijay Nandagopalan** and **Sheela Christy**.

Brad Shropshire, *Doug & Carol Taylor's brother-in-law*

Dave Snedecker

Gwen Thomas

Travis Turner, *nephew of Gay McGraw*

Gloria Vernam

Kaitlynn Webster, *granddaughter of Nancy Coleman*

Sam & Peace Weigh

To keep the prayer list timely, listings will remain for 2 editions of the Newsletter (2 months' time) and then be taken off. In the event you desire a listing to run longer, or for a shorter time, please contact Pastor Ann, or otherwise let your parish leaders know

Dear Ewing family of God, _____

Hello!! I am overjoyed to relay to you the very good news that after 15+ years of being in the "ordination process", I am finally being ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Seattle, WA on May 23, 2021 at 2:00 PM Pacific time. You were at the start of this journey and I wanted to include you at its conclusion (and new beginning!). Below, you will find some fond memories of Ewing along with a little bit of my story since leaving the nest. I wrap this long letter up with a bit of what God is doing in me in these last few months and years.

I was baptized at Ewing Presbyterian as an infant in the late seventies, and spent many years shuffling in just a tad late with my parents, Doug and Carol Taylor, and wonderful siblings, Gayle and Jeff. I would have the privilege of hugging my 4 grandparents at church for many of those Sundays: Dick & Dottie Schenck and Gene and Ruth Taylor. I would sit at Dave Prince's feet and hear stories of Gus the Groundhog. I attended retreats at Johnsonburg, lock-ins where we would giggle through the night, pancake breakfasts, Seder dinners (remember those bitter roots, and mint jelly?), youth group meetings. I played the part of Fern in Charlotte's Web and remember Pam and Paul Hoffman, and Helen and Bob Kull, cheering us on and

giving pointers. I went to Sunday School with Jane Perelli as my warm and welcoming teacher. I sang in the children's choir with Mr. McKeever, accompanied by David Hogue, always so eager to see if I would get a solo verse in the old Ewing Christmas Eve classic, "Morning Star." I babysat for Lou Kilgore's kids and sat with him in his office, as he listened to my many questions. I remember him saying, "Kelly, you should think about going to seminary." "Oh, Lou," I laughed. What a silly idea! I remember seeing Judy Carapezza cry in church and wondered why. Now as an adult, pre-Covid, I would cry practically every Sunday myself! It's a beautiful thing to be in worship together!

Birthday cards came to me through the mail from Nancy Van Saun over the years, as did cards for my children, who she barely knew but still chose to love. She was my 2nd grade Sunday School teacher. As a youth, I watched with wide eyes as the adults would process in their regal garb on Christmas Eve, carrying gifts of frankincense and myrrh. I loved seeing old friends outside of church after being away for college. Oh, and Country Day! So much fun to smell those funnel cakes and look for some cute craft or plant to purchase and bring home. And of course, Souper Bowl Sunday - making soup with youth group to sell as a fundraiser. I remember Anne Van Aken paying for my college books; a generous blessing that I didn't feel I deserved for any reason - she was simply a loving member of my family of God. I remember learning the distinctive smell of a homeless person in Atlanta, Georgia, on a mission trip. My heart was broken as it opened to the realities that others faced that were different from my own.

Fast forward a bit. I decided after a year of teaching 5th grade that I wanted to be a volunteer with the PCUSA Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program. I needed to raise \$7,000. Ewing members and other family poured in more than \$9,000; the excess was given to my dear friend DeJuan who did not come from a large supportive church. This experience as a YAV in inner-city LA, living in the barrio among immigrants and in intentional Christian community with 6 other young adults was life changing. It was there that I discovered I truly did have a "bent" toward ministry. That my vocation could somehow involve

my faith. I remember returning to Ewing and reporting back on my experience. You eagerly attended my talk, happy to learn from my experience and to support my growth.

After this pivotal year in Hollywood, I decided to attend Princeton Seminary. I was offered a full scholarship, partly because I grew up in the church, I'm sure. I was born into the "nest" of Ewing, and you nurtured me until I sprouted some wings! Those wings spread and I now find myself across the country, approaching my ordination date.

Many things happened between those years of living in Ewing and finding myself here. I got married to my beloved Mike and we moved to Austin. I worked for a Presbyterian non-profit called Manos de Cristo and ended up writing grants to support their ministry because the "ordainable" position that I hoped to enter into there never materialized. I "missed my chance" to be ordained, or so it seemed. God, of course, never left me, and my call to ministry was not specific to becoming ordained at the time. It was a call to becoming a wife and mother, which Ewing also enthusiastically supported. My wonderful brother-in-law, Nick Hatch, a former EPC Associate Pastor, has been a steady presence in encouraging me in that call. He continued to represent Ewing's role of support and love in my life.

I had 4 children in the ensuing years, and supported Mike as he was an Associate Pastor for Youth and Families at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Austin. I continued to support him as we moved to Seattle where he became a Professor of Systematic Theology, Discipleship and Ministry. These were difficult though also rich and formative years. I struggled to figure out how to cope with my challenging job as a stay-at-home mom, and to do so in a new place so far from my family of origin.

As I continued to struggle with my faith, and grow in it through suffering and rejoicing, I always felt supported by New Brunswick Presbytery and by you, Ewing family. When I would return to church during visits, I would be so lovingly embraced. When in-between churches, Rev. Elizabeth Vandegrift welcomed Mike to baptize our first daughter, Hannah, at Ewing. What a testament to the nature of the body of Christ that knows no geographical boundaries! Mike would often comment upon our visits with you that our church is so very loving. The mix of

generations, and the genuine concern for one another as siblings in Christ was palpable to him. I also remember talking to Sylvia Allen rather recently about the challenge of figuring out my call. She reassured me that there was plenty of time, and that I was right where I needed to be.

To be honest, at times I felt like there was too much love and grace growing up at Ewing. Can you believe it? I felt like the message "you're loved just as you are" meant that we weren't necessarily challenging ourselves to sacrificial, costly discipleship. I needed to go through seminary, through my year in LA, through a painful church experience in Austin, and into a healing place at Bethany in order to perhaps fully understand how God used the support and love and grace that I experienced at Ewing to ultimately ground me enough that I feel today confident in being a blessing and minister in Seattle.

This may not totally make sense, but bear with me. I often used to wonder "Why NOT me?" Others seemed to have such a harder life. I was blessed with a loving church (not perfect, but overall, very loving), a stable and wonderful family, and a body and brain that worked pretty darn well. Why wasn't I born into poverty? Why didn't I have a heart condition like my little sister? Why NOT me?

Now, at age 42, I think I am coming to understand some of the answer. On one hand, I have endured suffering that perhaps I didn't acknowledge. I've come to discover that there were things that were very hard for me, and they've shaped me. I have also come to believe that I am "blessed to be a blessing," just as the Israelites were (see Genesis 12). I have come to discover that I highly value *belonging, because I experienced it and I long for others to as well.*

Out of my secure and loving home and church, I was given the internal strength needed to truly believe that God would provide for what I need. Now, in Seattle, I have a strong desire to help others discover what is *already true for all of us: We belong to God*. The only way to experience this is to belong to other humans, and to experience God's loving family through the family of God, which is the Church. We experience it first from our parents, although not all experience it even in this most basic of relationships. Those of us who have experienced consistent love and security may have a little more internal equipment that allows us to in turn, pour that love into the lives of others for whom the experience of being loved may not come easily. Yet the experience of being the beloved is one that is ultimately available to us all, by connecting us to the love of God.

In these past 4 months, I have developed a daily practice of Centering Prayer, which is 20 minutes of quietly returning to a sacred word. It is learning to rest in God. *In all my years of striving to answer questions of faith, to learn through seminary courses, to serve the poor, to be a good enough mom and wife, I had never as deeply experienced the transformative power of God as I have by sitting silently in God's presence, every day.* For some reason, COVID and all of its curveballs provided a crucible for growth, which is reaching a bit of a pinnacle on my ordination date, which is May 23. Pentecost, ironically enough!

I neglected to include in this very long letter that I am being ordained into a part-time hospital spiritual care provider position (chaplain). I love the inclusiveness of this ministry; it embraces all people in all places of faith or lack of faith, and I am able to offer the listening and healing ministry of the Spirit to each patient. While I love this work, I am also experiencing a surge of love and concern for Bethany Presbyterian, where our family worships. I've never felt confident that the Church would be where I end up; I loved chaplaincy and I continue to love it. Yet I am

discovering that I have gifts that can serve the institutional Church as well, and so I remain open to where God will lead me.

It's become clear to me that the question, "Why NOT me?" is perhaps no longer my question. My current place in the journey has become one of a woman who has truly discovered for herself, in the depths of her being, that she is radically loved and accepted by God, and that this place of deep soul knowledge can be nurtured in me in silence and stillness. This stillness is especially powerful when connected to a community of faith; it is a place where our faith can be given hands and feet. From this place I am empowered to help others discover their identity as beloved children of God. This knowledge was always present to me in my head (or mostly; I had my periods of doubt as well), yet in the stillness and discipline of daily prayer it has transformed my heart. From this place, I am free to love others with a love that I do not strive to possess. It is an overflowing love that cannot be explained. I love talking about this experience and am happy to share more should anyone want to dialogue about it. All this to say, the time is truly right for me to embrace my specific calling to become a Minister of Word and Sacrament. Thank you, dear saints of Ewing, for the seed you planted and watered in me. Be encouraged that the promises you make at a child's baptism will bear fruit!



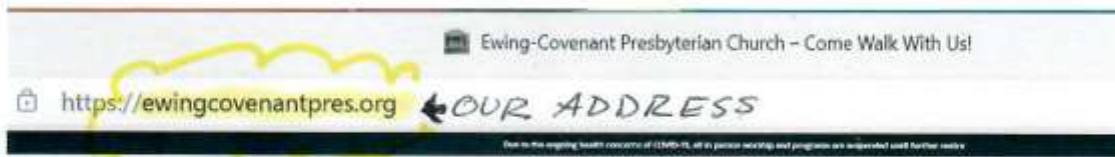
In the mysterious power and fellowship of the Spirit,

Kelly T. Langford,
Bothell WA

Photo: *Clockwise:* Mike, Hannah, Kelly, Chloe, Caleb and Seth

Where to find stuff on the

ECPC Website Homepage



(Menu of other pages on the site)

Menu Bar

Selection brings you to info under "Join Us," "About Us," "Ministries," "Cemetery," "Events," "Media," "Giving," and "Contact Us."

Links to important news and events

... like special studies and services, to name a few...

Links to all Zoom meetings and chats

(More links continue as you scroll down the page)

How to connect to all those Zoom meetings!

...including all Worship Services!

Select "Media" in the Menu Bar to find Pastor's Logs and Newsletters

Ewing-Covenant Presbyterian Church



Alibala! It is the Season of the Resurrection
Click here for info about a discussion about "Stand for Christ"
Church Office Response
Click here to see frequently asked questions about Resurrection to church
From the Pastor:
Welcome
Links to the Pastor's Log and newsletters
Here are your links for the week(s) ahead
The link for 30 days Sunday Morning and Communion to
Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:00 am led by Len Gomez
Sunday Afternoon Bible Study at 1:00 pm

Ewing-Covenant Presbyterian Church
Come Walk With Us!

Recent Posts
How to connect to all those Zoom meetings!
...including all Worship Services!

Posts of Announcements and Upcoming Events

And don't forget to scroll down further to see more and more content ...

DID YOU KNOW? Hold your mouse over an event in the Calendar (in the Events Tab) to learn the specifics of that event



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Please refer to the worshipping schedule portion of this newsletter for all zoom and phone in connections.

Church After Covid-19

The Return to Church Committee has been faithfully working to create a safe worship environment for our congregation during this pandemic time. As individuals become vaccinated and the state guidelines are updated, the committee is beginning to plan for what the return to in-person worship might look like. The committee is interested in your input so that they might guide the Session in our return to in-person worship and other gatherings. Please answer the following questions honestly and thoughtfully. Please mail in or drop off your paper copy by May 19th.

1. Which best describes your attitude toward returning to a worship service at church?

- I will return the first opportunity we have.
- I will wait several additional weeks before I attend.
- It may be quite a while before I return.
- Not sure.

2. What precautions, if any, would you expect our church to take for worship gatherings? Select all that apply.

- Limit handouts of any kind (e.g., Church Bulletin and inserts, etc.).
- Use a new method for distributing Lord's Supper elements (prepared kits).
- Use a new method for collecting tithes and offerings.
- Require the wearing of a mask upon entering the church and worship space.
- Encourage social distancing in Sanctuary and Worship Space seating
- Encourage social distancing in small group seating.
- Prop doors open so people do not have to touch handles.
- Singing of Hymns only with masks.
- Set up one-way foot traffic entering and exiting the buildings.
- Provide hand sanitizer stations.
- Discourage shaking hands.
- Suspend coffee hour and socializing before and after the service.
- None of these.
- Other (please specify). _____

3. Would you allow your child(ren) to attend Sunday School and other youth planned events?

- Not right away,
- My children do not typically attend.
- Other (please specify). _____
- Not applicable.

4. When our Session feels we are ready for in-person worship, which of the following would you prefer for our church?

- Resume in-person worship services at our church when ready.
- Continue online services only.
- Offer both-in person and online worship services.

5. Would you be willing to attend a worship service in an overflow room to ensure people are spread out?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

6. Would you be willing to serve as a greeter and/or escort during the “Check-In” process? If yes, list your name in the space provided.

- Yes [Name: _____]
- No